

R E M A R K S

Claims 1 to 9, 12, 13, 16 and 27 to 32 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are presented for further examination in this case. Relative to the version of claims previously pending before the Examiner, Claims 17 to 23, 25 and 33 have been canceled as indicated in the listing of the claims.

The Examiner indicated in the Examiner's Answer that applicants' appeal with respect to Claims 1 to 9, 12, 13, 16 and 27 to 32 was moot as those claims were allowable. Accordingly, applicants' amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Early action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.